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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, at the top of the page, above "TECHNICAL FIELD" and
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--This application is a national phase application of
International Application No. PCT/JP99/05448 (not published in
English) filed October 4, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

7. (New) An antibacterial agent according to claim 2,
wherein said sulfated polysaccharide or said oligosaccharide
prepared by partial decomposition of said sulfated polysaccharide

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